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April 16, 2012

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Re: March 2012 Monthly Progress Report

Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action

U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255

Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.28

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions take in March 2012 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

#### 1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- March 1 to 31 Anchor QEA ongoing development of the *Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and Data Report.*
- March 15 Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.

## 2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A. The field sampling results obtained during completion of the EPA-approved *Final Project AIR and Data Gaps QAPP* and subsequent EPA-approved addendum will be reported in the *Draft EE/CA and Data Report*.

### 3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submittal of the April monthly progress report.
- Completion of monthly visual monitoring of the pilot cap area.
- Continued development of the *Draft EE/CA* and *Data Report*.

## 4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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#### Attachments:

Attachment A Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

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# **Visual Observations Log Form**

 Date
 March 22, 2012
 Project Number:
 000029-02 BG-28 Task 4a

Location: NW Natural "Gasco" Site

Project Name: <u>NW Natural – Gasco</u>

Monitoring Period: Monthly (Year 6)—March 2012

**Time Observations** 

**Weather Conditions:** 

Started:

Time March 22, 2012 @ 10:00 Obse

Observation Concluded:

March 22, 2012 @ 11:00

Overcast, 37° Fahrenheit, light winds from the east.

**Wave Action** 

**Observations:** 

Calm to light wave action (0.0 - 0.2 feet in height)

**Photographs Taken:** 

(Yes

No

**Tidal Conditions:** 

Willamette River level on 3/22/2012 ranged in elevation from 9.65 to 10.62 feet. The Willamette River level during photos was approximately 10.41 feet measured at 10:30 (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

Observations of Erosion/Deposition:

No erosion/deposition is evident along the shoreline. The shoreward extent of the cap was not visible due to high river water elevation; and the extents of the organoclay mat material footprint were also submerged. (Photo 1).

Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.) During the observation, the Fuel and Marine Marketing (FAMM) containment boom was placed across the cap area, between the upriver corner of the ship dock and the wooden dolphin (near the upriver extent of the site and near the Siltronic Corporation outfall. Buoys that identify the cap area to mariners are in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom, warning buoys, and a general overview of the site shoreline is shown

in Photo 2.

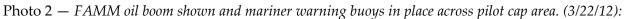
**Other Comments:** 

No sheen is evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

Recorded by: Douglas Laffoon



Photo 1- River level currently elevated above the extent of sediment cap (3/22/12):



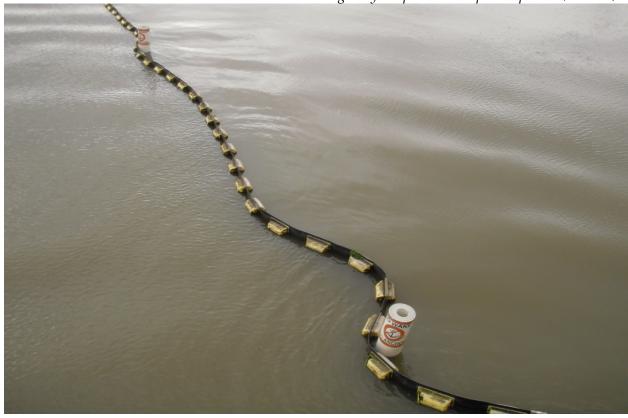


Photo 3 — Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (3/22/12):